



**LETCHWORTH (FGC) DOG TRAINING CLUB MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD 13th FEBRUARY, 2017**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Jo Hobson-Cooper  
Lisa Greenhow  
Dave Timms

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AGM 2016 & APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS 2016**

Minutes -

Proposed: James Greenhow  
Seconded: Dawn Calver

Accounts -

Proposed: Owen Edwards  
Seconded: Fiona Hughes

- Vote: Agreed unanimously to be a true record of what was said.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

New rule sent to KC and approved. Added to Club Rules – Infectious dogs

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Elaine Brennan**

The year 2016 has been one of many changes, from new KC regulations to a change of venue for our Obedience team. As always I would like to thank our dedicated instructors who have once again supported the club with their time and expertise. Also our members for their dedication to their training and for helping the club to raise money at our agility show and Christmas party for our charity Luna Animal Rescue. Once again we would like to thank you for your support in setting up and packing away. As you are all aware, there is a lot of equipment and you all chip in to make it much easier.

There have been many successes from Good Citizen passes to winning out in competition, all of which I am sure will be covered in the reports from our Agility and Obedience instructors.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Accounts available to all members and the Club is still financially very strong – see accounts.

There is £30,000 of funds in 3 x £10,000 long term deposit accounts, maturing at approximately 3 monthly intervals. There is £10,000 in the Show account for the 2017 show.

Unfortunately, accounts are showing a loss of £4370. It was pointed out at the end of last year that Graveley Village Hall fees of £1188, were outstanding. If this had been in the correct year the loss would have been £3182.

This also impacts on the venue hire figures, showing Thursday evening to be running at a loss, in fact all three training nights cover the cost of their venue hire with their training fees.

**Money In**

Belgian Shepherd Dog Agility show – Ring Party - £140.00.  
Sale of Toys to members  
Workshops for members

**Money spent**

Instructors' Training  
USB sticks for Instructors

Subsidised Workshops  
Laptop and Printer for Treasurer  
Contact Equipment re-rubbered  
Stationery/ GCDC Paperwork  
Website Hosting  
Christmas Party/Social events  
Flowers/Gifts – members  
Equipment Accessories  
Club Clothing  
Microchip Scanner  
Storage/Cleaning Equipment

We have increased the Membership this year, last increase was 2013.  
Membership covers - Insurance, Website Hosting and Domain name, Maintenance of Title, general upkeep of the club.  
Training Fee – to cover venue hire.

The Agility Show – Money from this allows us to have extras.

Entries and camping were down from last year, this is a real shame as we felt it was the best show ever, more relaxed and enjoyable for members.

Charity Income at Show £754.

Normal events: Practice Ring, Entry Quiz, Raffle & The Jollyees stand.

Jo and Dave have written the quiz and marked it at the show for the last few years, this raises approx £200.

Thanks to Obedience girls for Banking the Fees each week; Sharon, Gill and Annette.

## **6. OBEDIENCE REPORT**

**Monday nights** – Doreen Smith

All in all, the Obedience classes on Mondays have been really good, with people who are so dedicated to getting well behaved dogs and getting the dogs to enjoy what they are doing with their owners, making a very strong bond between them. To see the puppies enjoying themselves with the other pups is very rewarding for the owners and the pups, learning all the time to get on with other dogs.

The slightly older dogs, in the 7.15 class are so clever, learning so quickly the best way to get what they want from their owners, without the owners knowing quite what's going on...until we all realise what's happening, that makes for a good laugh... we always seem to be laughing at something or other. It's so rewarding for the owners to get their dogs to do more and the more they achieve the more their confidence grows, both dogs and owners. A really lovely class to teach.

The stalwarts of the club are in the 8.15 class, no matter what the weather, no matter how far they travel, there they all are just waiting, with the keenest dogs, to come in and have some fun. Without exception everyone has a go at trying their hand at every exercise, some dogs are quicker than others, some would rather play...but they all get there in the end, which is so rewarding for the owners, and such fun for me to watch. I feel quite privileged to be the teacher of these classes, they are ALL, without exception, very good sports.

### **Kennel Club Good Citizen Tests, November 2016**

Last November we held the Kennel Club Good Citizen Tests:- In the Bronze class there were 5 entered, and 4 passed, just one dog wasn't quite ready, so better luck next time.

Bronze - Melanie Marshall with Bernard the Collie - Richard Whalley with Oscar the Golden Retriever - Jennifer Alcock with Rex the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling dog - and Emily Surtees with Muffin the cross breed. I think Emily, aged 11, could possibly be the youngest contestant from this club.

Silver - Phill Worboys with Millie.

Well done to all of those members. It was a really lovely evening.

**Thursday night** – Leanne Holding/ Gill Holding

Our members have been very successful over the year and we have lovely members.

10 Puppy Foundation passes

3 Bronze passes

3 Silver passes

Over the year we have had a scent workshop, taught dogs to jump through hoops and teach the dogs excellent manners.

Gill and Leanne have decided to leave the Club.

7. **AGILITY REPORT** – Mark Dille

2016 has been another great year for the agility section, firstly I would like to start off with thanking all the Instructors who give up their time to take the classes, attend meetings and go on courses so all can benefit. Carolyn Harper and David Anderson both expressed an interest on becoming instructors and, after shadowing experienced Instructors, are now taking classes on a regular basis.

I would also like to congratulate David who attended and passed the Agility Club Instructors course, this is a 3 day course with an all-day exam on the final day.

The classes are well attended every week and we have a big waiting list

We have moved dogs and handlers around so we have been able to start a new class for existing members with new dogs and hopefully these will be ready to compete in the 2017/18 season

Congratulations to the following handlers and dogs that have moved up through the KC grades

**From grade 1 to 2 was**

Grace with Elsie

Mary with Ella

Sandra with Bond

**From grade 2 to 3 was**

Lorraine with Shep

**From grade 3 to 4 was**

Martin with Travis

**From grade 4 to 5 was**

Fiona with Tia

Karen with Brodie

Liz with Teal

Karen with Bella

**From grade 5 to 6 was**

Karen with Lydia

David with Meg

Caroline with Cherry

Jo with Ernie

Sara with Whiz

**And moving from 6 to 7 was**

Caroline with Lily

Carolyn with Mirk

8. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS/CHAIR**

Sandra Hammond

Standing for Committee/ Treasurer

Proposed: Mary Gough

Seconded: Kim Hammond

Julia Hobson- Cooper

Standing for Committee

Proposed: Linsey Parrott

Seconded: Owen Edwards

Sharon Harber

Standing for Committee

Proposed: Lawrence Adams

Seconded: Lorraine Chappell

Dawn Calver

Standing for Committee

Proposed: Jocelyn Goodman

Seconded: Karen Barker

David Anderson  
Proposed: Catherine Bayliss  
Seconded: Liz Joyce

Standing for Committee

- Committee voted on block – unanimous vote.

**11. AOB**

None.

Cheque was given to Club charity - Luna Animal Rescue - £859  
New charity for the year – The Cinnamon Trust

**12. AWARDS**

- Obedience  
Progress Awards to –  
Kiri and Missy  
Chris Murray with Poppy  
Beckie McDonald with Jenson  
Jennifer Alcock and Simon Lucas with Rex

- Agility

Show points Awards

Large - Sandra Hammond with Bond

Medium – Liz Williams with Teal

Small - Caroline Harris with Lily

Any Size – Ian Gallagher with Dotty

Clear Round Memorial Trophy

Fiona Timms with Harry

Progress Trophy

Carolyn Harper with Buster

Tara Trophy

Sharon Harber with Fly

Special Commitment Award

Jo Sawford

**Meeting Closed 8.44 pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_